

**Ocean Protection Council
Strategic Goals Related to Fisheries**

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Listed below are the OPC 5-Year Strategic Plan objectives and goals related to the fishery issues for discussion at the public forum.

MANAGEMENT APPROACHES

Co-management, effort reduction, and dedicated access privileges

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Objective 2: Marine Life Management Act

2(a) Support cooperative research and facilitate data sharing among fishers, academics, and agency personnel to enhance DFG stock assessments and other regulatory decisions.

Objective 4: Market-Based Fisheries

4(a) Develop a California Fisheries Fund or similar strategy that will facilitate a transition to improved fisheries management and sustainable fishing practices, including new fishing techniques to reduce bycatch.

4(b) Investigate the feasibility of various sustainable fishery management approaches, such as vessel buybacks, different quota systems, and limited entry programs. Encourage the development of sustainable fishing gear

Certification and marketing approaches

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4(c) Investigate the potential for consumer-oriented market approaches, such as a California sustainable seafood certification program or direct-to-consumer sustainable seafood markets.

Objective 5: Encourage Sustainable Economic Activity

5(a) Encourage and support new and innovative economic activities that can be conducted in a sustainable manner along or off the California coast.

Maintaining essential harbor infrastructure

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5(b) Preserve working harbors through investments in infrastructure such as small-scale fish processing facilities.

DATA COLLECTION

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- 2(a) Support implementation of FMPs adopted under the MLMA and the development of new FMPs for priority fisheries. Complete priority stock assessments and FMPs, and promote the enforcement of associated regulations.
- 2(d) Install new technologies for permitting, such as electronic licensing for commercial and recreational fishermen, and investigate and implement new technologies for enforcing regulations.

ENFORCEMENT

A. Governance

Objective 3: Enforcement

- 3(b) Work with all relevant state agencies to develop necessary legislation, regulations, or other tools to improve the enforcement of ocean protection laws.

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